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H PASS: HONORABLE SAM NUNN, UNITED STATES SENATE,
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TAGS: CASC (MACDOUGALD, NANCY)
SUBJECT: JAMAICAN CURRENCY EXCHANGE PROBLEM OF NANCY MACDOUGALD

REF: YOUR INQUIRY OF MAY 8

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR INQUIRY CONCERNING
NANCY MACDOUGALD. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO
EXCHANGE HER JAMAICAN DOLLARS FOR U.S. DOLLARS BEFORE SHE LEFT
FOR THE UNITED STATES. THE REASON AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED
THE MONEY AT THE AIRPORT IS DUE TO JAMAICAN LAW WHICH FORBIDS
THE VISITOR TO BRING IN OR TAKE OUT ANY JAMAICAN CURRENCY.

2. WE HAVE CONTACTED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FINANCIAL
INVESTIGATION UNIT (WHICH ENFORCES CURRENCY EXCHANGE LAWS)
TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBLE RELIEF FOR MRS. MACDOUGALD,
POINTING OUT THAT SHE WAS A TOURIST WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF
CURRENCY LAW IN JAMAICA; AND THAT SHE WAS PERFECTLY WILLING
TO CHANGE HER MONEY BEFORE DEPARTURE BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO
SO BECAUSE BANKS WERE CLOSED FOR THE WEEKEND.

3. SUPERINTENDENT SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO REFUND THE
MONEY IN AMERICAN DOLLARS. HOWEVER, HE DID AGREE TO CONSIDER
A REFUND OF THE MONEY IN JAMAICAN DOLLARS FOR MRS. MACDOUGALD'S
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USE IN JAMAICA IF SHE SHOULD RETURN FOR VACATION OR BUSINESS.
WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO SUPPLY THE DATE THE CONFISCATION TOOK
PLACE. IF MRS. MACDOUGALD WILL FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT KINGSTON, WE WILL BRING IT TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONAL ATTENTION TO ENSURE THE REFUND GOES
FORWARD WITHOUT DELAY.
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